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MISSION STATEMENT

“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Mike Rice, Chair/ Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Members Present

Adler, Fred – County Supervisor District 3
Abbott, Steven – County Supervisor District 5
Broyles, R.N., Linda – County Paramedics Agencies Committee
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Green, Katy – County Supervisor District 1
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – County Supervisor District 2
Parra, Frank – S.D. County Fire Chiefs Association
Rice, Mike – S.D. County Ambulance Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Vacant Positions

League of California Cities
San Diego County Fire Districts Association
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society

In Attendance

Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Peltier, Patricia - AMR
Rod, Rick – S.D. City EMS/RM
Workman, R.N., Debbie – Palomar
Community College
Yates, Judith - HASDIC

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Walsh, Jack
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Rice, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Broyles, R.N., seconded by Chris Wells, R.N. to approve the minutes from October 23, 2014. Motion carried.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

A motion was made by Frank Parra to elect Daryn Drum as the EMCC Chairperson for 2015. The motion was seconded by Linda Rosenberg. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Linda Broyles, seconded by Katy Green to re-elect Linda Rosenberg as 2015 EMCC Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

B. Appointment of EMCC subcommittee members.

Changes to the subcommittee list included adding Hospital Association of San Diego/Imperial Counties members to the EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee and adding Base Hospital Coordinator members to the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Meredith Mahoney

The following policies were reviewed and updated as indicated by the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee on January 8, 2015.

1. P-300, Paramedic Training Program Student Eligibility

- Possess and maintain a current *California* EMT or Advanced EMT (AEMT) certificate or . . .
- Spell out National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).

A motion was made by Chris Wells, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve Policy P-300. Motion carried.

2. P-301, Paramedic Training Program Requirements and Procedures for Approval/Reapproval

- Reference to *Attachment A* ‘Check List’ under Procedure
- Remove #16 on Attachment A
- Remove Attachment B

A motion was made by Chris Wells, seconded by Frank Parra to accept the changes and approve Policy P-301. Motion carried.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Diane Ameng

The EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee normally meets on the third Monday of each month from 10:00 – 11:30 am. The third Monday in January and February

fall on holidays; therefore a make-up meeting was scheduled next week on January 28th. The Education/Research Subcommittee meeting will reconvene to its regular schedule date/time on the third Monday in March.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson

May 20th is a Community Drill with Office of Emergency Services (OES). Hospitals will be participating in the sustained power outage drill.

VI. NOVEMBER STATEWIDE MEDICAL HEALTH EXERCISE (Jack Walsh)

The So Cal Readiness drill will take place on November 16, 2015. Counties in Southern California will enact the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) to exercise an aerosolized anthrax scenario and dispensing needed medication.

1. CRI program

- Anthrax will be used as the agent due to the short incubation period. Signs and symptoms can show up as early as 48 hours; therefore, medications will be dispensed to the population in 48 hours.
- There are 11 public Points of Dispensing (PODS) in San Diego County. The drive through PODS will be located in the large venues at Qualcomm and El Camino Real parking lot.
- Drugs of choice for the drill include: Doxycycline and Ciprofloxacin placebo drugs that will be dispensed with the ‘head of household model’.
- Bus station locations at the location will be available for Access and Functional Needs (AFN) individuals. Healthcare systems, home bound and SNF caretakers will be able to pick up medications for their patients.

2. Southern California participants include City of Long Beach, City of Pasadena, and Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Venture Counties. The exercise calls for 20 million bottles of medications delivered to Riverside County which the state will issue to the Counties.

3. Exercise Modules

- Monday November 16, 2015 – Module 1, sensor exercise will take place in the am with lab confirmation. Module 2 will be for First Responder prophylaxis.
- Tuesday, November 17, 2015 – Health Officers and public information will be given out about the disease, medications, location and time of setup for the PODS.
- Wednesday, November 18, 2015 – CDC distributes the deliverables to Riverside which in turn will distribute to San Diego County for Regional Storage and Shipping (RSS).
- Thursday, November 19, 2015 – Two (2) public PODS open. Hospital Association will participate for HPP 2015.
- Friday, November 20, 2015 – Demolition and recovery.

VII. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR - Bruce E. Haynes M.D.

A. San Diego medic Rick Berger’s son Ryan died earlier this month. Ryan was an EMT and paramedic in San Diego and also a medic in Austin, Texas. A memorial service

will be held on Friday, January 23rd at Our Lady of Grace church.

- B. Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) discussed changes to the treatment guidelines. At the next BSPC meeting the pediatric treatment guidelines will be reviewed.
- C. Hospitals and the field have been busy with the influenza/virus season. The flu vaccine is usually 60 to 70% effective in preventing influenza; this year it is only 23% effective due to the different strain of flu. It is still recommended to receive the vaccine as it can boost your immunity and make it less likely to get sick. Articles on influenza can be found in Influenza Watch and the Syndromic Surveillance Report.
- D. During the last couple of weeks a number of hospitals were on bypass as well as reported offload delays. The Duty Officer is a valuable resource if there are prolonged offload delays. Field personnel should communicate with hospital staff when there is an offload delay to minimize the delay.
- E. Mandatory flu vaccination for healthcare workers is being discussed. County Public Health is moving forward with requirements for healthcare workers, including EMS personnel, to have either current influenza vaccination or use a surgical mask while working with patients.
- F. The recent measles outbreak may be due to a number of children who are not vaccinated. Measles is highly contagious. Symptoms include high fever, cough, runny nose and conjunctivitis. Discussion ensued on updating measles immunization and if there should be additional vaccination if you have already had the measles and/or the vaccine.

Action Item:

Information from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) regarding immunization practices will be sent out to the committee.

- G. UCSD was approved by the CDC as a treatment Ebola hospital. Hospitals are placed in one of three categories, treatment, assessment and frontline.
- H. Sheriff's naloxone project continues and will be expanded to units countywide. There have been 11 cases that responded favorably to the use of naloxone in suspected narcotic overdoses.
- I. Fallbrook Hospital closure update is that there will be no 24 hour urgent care clinic. North County Fire is seeing an increase in transports to Temecula Valley Hospital.

VIII. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

- A. Trauma centers have American College of Surgeon (ACS) site verification visits every three years. January 25th they will visit Rady Children's and Scripps La Jolla. They will continue with two (2) site visits in March and two (2) in May.
- B. The Stroke Consortium meets this evening. *Strike out Stroke* event information will be discussed at the meeting.

- C. The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) committee is having their annual recognition event to honor community members for their contribution and work for sexual assault victims. The awards recognition event is this Friday in Old Town.
- D. Currently there is no set date for the Fourth annual of *Sidewalk CPR* event.
- E. The EMS Commission met in San Francisco in December. The specialty care regulation drafts are expected to come out for Stroke, STEMI and EMS-C during the first quarter of the year.
- F. Community Paramedicine (CP)
- The OSHPD Director approved the pilot projects.
 - Local pilot projects are City of San Diego and City of Carlsbad.
 - The EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee serves as the CP advisory committee and will meet next week for an update on the projects.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – Marcy Metz

- A. EMCC approved raising fees a few years ago. The fees are included with other County department fees and are waiting for County review and approval.
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X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next EMCC meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2015.
The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Submitted by
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County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services